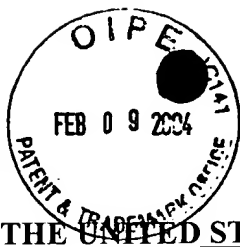


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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2003, said period of response being extended from December 24, 2003 to February 24, 2004.

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